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It figures

Finally, it seems we will have a number to put on strays in city as BBMP is almost done with animal census



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Anyone listening?

Many deadlines of Bengaluru Smart City Ltd's grievance redressal cell have gone by and we are still waiting



CITY PAGE 6

Almost 10,000 trees made way for infra work in city over past 2 years; maximum trees felled for Metro work. Tree Expert Committee unable to stop axe brigade

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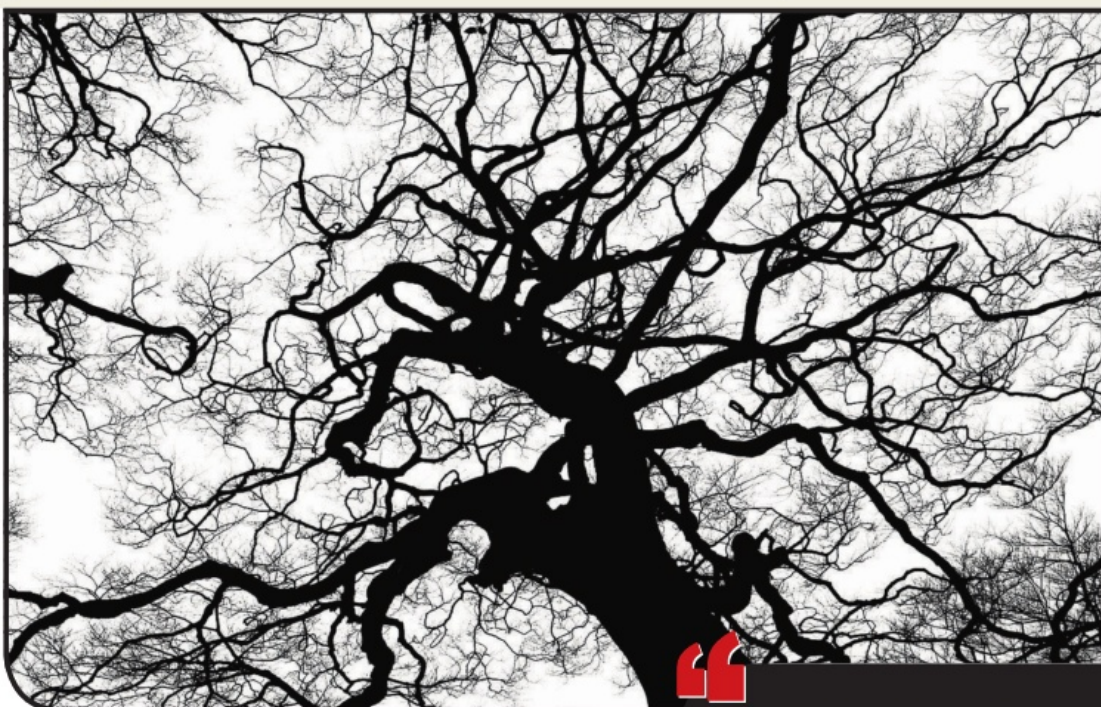
BMRCL sought permission to cut over 5,000 trees

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Between August 2021 and August 2023, Bengaluru lost nearly 10,000 trees for various infrastructure and development projects. According to the official statistics obtained from the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), while permission was sought by various agencies and organisations to remove 12,859 trees in the given period, 9,641 trees faced the axe after permission was obtained from the Tree Expert Committee (TEC).

The number reveals that TEC allowed the felling of nearly 75% of the total trees proposed for removal. The committee ordered the translocation of 13.5% (1,736) of the trees and could retain a meagre 11.5% (1,482) of the total.

The biggest chunk of the green cover was sacrificed for metro projects in various parts of Bengaluru. The Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) alone sought permission to remove 5,231 trees and felled 4,031. BMRCL also recorded an abysmal retention rate of 2.64% (only 138 out of 5,231 trees were retained on-site). The agency translocated a little over 20% (1,062) trees to suitable places.



The agency in the second spot forfeiting the green cover in the given period was the Karnataka - Rail Infrastructure Development Company Limited (K-RIDE). K-RIDE sought permission from TEC for removal of 3,645 trees and was allowed to chop 2,828 trees while translocating just 225 trees and retaining 592.

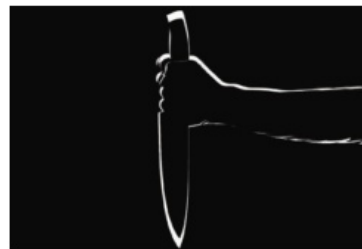
Other agencies and institutions responsible for felling the rest of the 2,782 trees include BBMP, Southwestern Railway (SWR), Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), Karnataka Road Development Corporation (KRDCL), and Government First Grade College.

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We are planning and executing infrastructure projects without taking stock of the existing green cover. Unless we know how much we have, we cannot figure out the gap

—Dr TV Ramachandra, CES, IISc

HELLO, WE HAVE A MUGGING PROBLEM



As victim of attack by armed robbers reaches police station, he has to get in queue with six other similar victims to register complaint

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On Wednesday, at 11:15 pm, Kaiser Geer found himself in a perilous situation when confronted by a pair of young boys on a bike, seemingly in their twenties. Geer was attacked by these miscreants as they tried to hurt him by punching him in the face, leaving him as the victim describes, "It even hurts to smile and talk after the punch".

He managed to stay composed and fight back, which caused them to flee as they turned a corner, claims the victim.

Following that, he promptly reported the incident at the Pulikeshi Nagar police station, where he observed five other individuals were in line to register complaints of muggings at knife-point. Among them was a taxi

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Unforeseen beginnings

Engineering institutes commence classes even as CET seat allocation process is still ongoing

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Despite the ongoing completion of the Common Entrance Test (CET) seat allocation process, numerous private engineering colleges have initiated classes, raising concerns among students.

This move has left many students who have secured seats in the first round and are awaiting potential changes in the second round, or those who are yet to secure seats, worried about the implications of classes starting prematurely. Colleges, on the other hand, assert that their decision is aimed at ensuring an uninterrupted academic journey for all students, especially those who are still awaiting seat allocations.

Vivekvaraya Technical University (VTU) recently announced the academic year schedule for 2023-24, indicating that the academic session is set to commence on September 4. In the lead-up to regular classes, remedial programmes have been scheduled for newly admitted students from September 4 to 14. Subsequently, standard classes are expected to commence on September 15.

VTU's oversight extends to a network of 208 engineering colleges and 24 private universities, many of which have already launched their first-year engineering programmes.

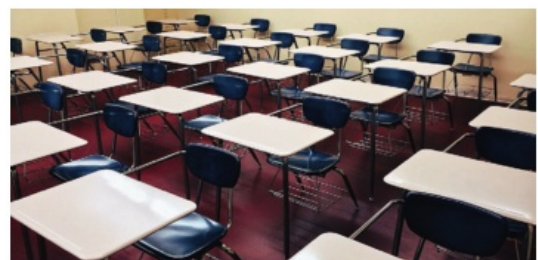
According to a source, in line with the academic schedule, the Karnataka Examination Authority conducted the first round of seat allotment, allowing selected students to secure admissions until August 25. The subsequent second round of admissions is slated to begin on August 30, with seat allotment results anticipated to be announced on September 4.

Challenges arise for students securing seats in the second round of admissions. As several private institutions have already commenced classes while the second round is ongoing, students who secure seats in the first round but intend to switch in the second round risk missing crucial lectures and discussions.

"Some institutions, however, have opted to align with VTU's prescribed schedule, ensuring that all students commence classes simultaneously to mitigate such disruptions. Despite the early initiation of classes in several institutions, a significant number of students are yet to complete the admission process, particularly those admitted through the CET route. Colleges are prepared to address this concern by offering special compensatory classes designed to accommodate CET students," said the source.

Looking ahead, the Karnataka Examinations Authority is gearing up to launch the second round of seat allotment for various professional courses, including medical and engineering programmes, starting on August 30.

The allotment results are expected to be published on September 2. However, Dr S Vidyashankar, VTU Vice-Chancellor, emphasised the importance of adhering to the academic year schedule, noting that deviations will result in appropriate actions taken to ensure a uniform and high-quality education experience across all affiliated institutions.



Culturally rich

Artists perform Yakshagana at Sunehra Safar cultural programmes, dedicated to Indian men and women's hockey teams and their family members, in Bengaluru on Thursday

3 THINGS TO DO



01 Precious gems

Don't miss the chance to attend 'Hi Life Jewels', one of the most spectacular jewellery shows in the city. The exhibition is set to bring together over 100 premium jewellery brands under one roof, catering to the Indian woman's love for opulent jewellery that defines her rich signature style. The show is a perfect destination for bride-to-be individuals. **Where:** Taj West End; **When:** September 1 to 3; 10 am-8 pm

02 Carnatic beats

The International Institute of Information Technology Bangalore (IIITB) is organising the Carnatic Code, decoding the music of South India. The event features various well-known musicians such as Nishanth Chandran, BC Manjunath, G Guruprasanna, and M Bhagyalakshmi. **Where:** IIIT-B Auditorium, 26/C, Hosur Road, Electronics City Phase 1, Electronic City; **When:** Today; 6 pm



03 Spiritual moves

Immerse yourself in the seven days of profound knowledge and spiritual enlightenment of Sri Mahalakshmi Vaibhavam spiritual discourse, where ancient wisdom, as revealed by sages, will guide you towards the never-ending quest of self-realisation. Dr Brahmasri Samavedam Shanmukha Sarma will share the nectar of wisdom through this discourse. **Where:** New Horizon Engineering College Auditorium **When:** September 5-11; 6 pm onwards



Rewind to the Bangalore we all love

Those were the days. When commuting in Bangalore meant strolling under jacaranda trees bursting with purple. When a cold draught and a plate of peanut masala were 35 bucks. When you could just call a friend and plan to "put off" in ten minutes. And when legendary joints offered warm hospitality and delicious food, plated beautifully. (Ok, forget the plating bit. That's us running away with our memories)

Amongst today's glass and chrome, the bits, and the bytes, lives a little oasis designed on the sigh of nostalgic regret we all feel for the charming city that used to be Bangalore. Bob's Bar was envisioned to infuse a whiff of the old gracious Bangalore into the hurly-burly of this new city.

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Bob's is now opening another outpost in Kammanahalli to add to our branches in Indiranagar, Koramangala and JP Nagar. Enjoy the friendly service, old wood furniture, open spaces, and laid-back camaraderie as you spot old school friends. Most important, remember to enjoy Bob's the way it was meant to be - leisurely.



Aid for public healthcare

Sigmoid, a data engineering and AI solutions company, and Way For Life, a youth-driven NGO, have partnered to bolster the public healthcare infrastructure in Whitefield government hospitals. The CSR initiative will provide vital medical supplies and equipment to the hospitals.

"Our hospital now has essential supplies and improved infrastructure to enhance patient experience," said Dr Nagesh M, Medical Officer at Primary Health Centre, Whitefield. The Life-Saver Project seeks to secure essential healthcare resources, enhance inventory control, upgrade infrastructure and medical equipment, and foster collaborations for sustainable supply chains and funding support.

"Giving back to society is not just a responsibility but a privilege," said Pi-yush Khemka, VP of Business Opera-



tions at Sigmoid. "Our CARE initiative on community assistance, resilience, and empowerment strives to create a better future for the community as a whole. The recent pandemic has highlighted the urgent demand for essential medical supplies. Sigmoid's partnership with Way For Life will surely create a lasting impact to bolster the healthcare infrastructure of one of these vital institutions," says Uday Kumar, Founder and President at Way For Life.

— BMB

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Surprise dug-up scenes

Random digging of roads in SK Garden has caused inconveniences to residents; they say some roads were asphalted two months before Assembly elections

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Residents of SK Garden are up in arms against the indiscriminate digging of roads by one or another utility service provider. They complain that utility service providers continue digging the roads that were asphalted a few months ago on one or another pretext.

The residents said some of the crossroads that were dug up by telecom service providers a few months ago are yet to be restored.

"I am fed up with the indiscriminate digging of roads in our locality. A telecom service provider dug the road in front of our home for a few months. Now, another utility service provider has begun digging the road in front of my home. They did not inform us before commencing the digging work," said Rafiullah, a resident.

The residents complain that neither the police nor the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) authorities are bothered to verify whether the telecom service providers have obtained permission to dig the roads.

"The contractors engaged in digging the roads are adamant. They are causing a lot of inconvenience to the residents of this area," a resident informed anonymously.

Coming down heavily on those digging roads without following standard operating procedure (SOP), other residents said that the contractors have been invoking politicians' names when questioned.

"I am shocked to see people digging the roads that were asphalted



Residents say that they are fed up with the indiscriminate digging of roads in their locality. Roads have been dug up by utility service providers

two months before the State Assembly elections. I am at a loss to understand the logic behind digging the roads again and again," said Vinod Kumar, another resident.

Suspecting the involvement of politicians, Kumar added that the contractor did not obtain permission from the BBMP for digging the road. "I am not against laying optical fibre cables, but the digging of roads should have taken place before asphalted the roads. I inquired with the contractor about who authorised him to dig the road. He told me that authorities engaged him to dig the

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road for laying optical fibre cable for defence personnel," he explained.

Furthermore, Mohammed Faziullah, a resident of 1st Main Road, SK Garden, said the contractor has engaged workers to dig the road in

front of his house on Wednesday night. "They have closed the dug-up portion with mud. I do not know when the contractor will restore the road. It is causing a lot of problems for us," he said.

Meanwhile, BBMP Executive Engineer Thippeswamy said that he would direct his subordinate to stop the road digging work immediately. "Some people are digging the road illegally. I will send an assistant executive engineer to the spot to verify whether the utility service provider has permission to dig the road," he said.

Haralur Lake: Revival journey goes smooth

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Halarur Lake, a once-troubled water body, has emerged as a testament to the positive impact of dedicated restoration efforts. It has now emerged that dedicated restoration efforts have a positive impact.

Just a year ago, the lake was marred by a series of unsettling incidents, including fish die-offs and foul odours, which raised concerns among residents and environmental activists. The root cause was identified as sewage contamination, signalling a dire need for the development of the lake.

Residents and lake activists had united in their concern over the deteriorating state of Haralur Lake. They witnessed the devastating consequences of sewage entering the water, resulting in mass fish fatalities. The dilapidated walking track further exacerbated the problem, limiting residents' access to the picturesque lakefront. Responding to these concerns, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) allocated a budget of Rs 84 lakh for the lake's restoration, marking the beginning of a transformative journey.



The implementation of a silt trap system and the rehabilitation of the walking track has helped bring the lake back to life

The BBMP Lakes Department diligently executed a comprehensive

strategy to restore the lake's health. The implementation of a silt trap system and the rehabilitation of the walking track has helped bring the lake back to life. The silt traps effectively diverted sewage inflow, preventing it from contaminating the lake.

An official from BBMP Lakes Department said, "We diverted the sewage lines into separate chambers, eliminating the mixing point. While some inflow persists, it has been drastically reduced."

One of the key contributors to the lake's resurgence is the integration of a wetland area.

"The wetlands are said to be a natural filtration system. Wetlands play a vital role in water purification by capturing pollutants and excess nutrients before they reach the lake. Then, troubled by the foul stench and pollution, we now revel in the rejuvenated ambience of Haralur Lake. The foul smell that once plagued the area is no longer there. We can once again enjoy leisurely walks by the lakeside," said a local resident.

Reports of fish die-offs during May and September served as stark reminders of the importance of ongoing maintenance and vigilance. After which, the BBMP Lakes Department remains committed to sustaining the progress achieved so far.

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Give space
Shivaji Nagar



Street vendors often occupy footpaths, leading to conflicts when asked to clear it for pedestrians at Shivaji Nagar's Russell Market in Chandni Chowk Road.

Bad replacement
Double Road



BBMP addressed the slab issue adjacent to St Joseph's College, near Double Road. However, we urge them to improve their approach, as they replaced the broken slab with damaged one.

Cover it soon
Yelahanka



The drain is open on the side of Doddaballapur Highway in front of the Rail Wheel Factory in Yelahanka.

Stray count to be out soon

BBMP plans to release stray animal census in 15 days; focus is more on dog population

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The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's efforts to survey stray animals after a gap of four years are likely to come to fruition soon. BBMP plans to release the survey report in 10-15 days.

Since June-end, BBMP's animal husbandry department has been in the process of surveying the stray animals located within BBMP limits. Though it has been some time since the last survey, the BBMP has been carrying out its Animal Birth control measures. The last survey for stray animals was conducted in 2019.

"The survey work has not been completed yet. It will take another 10 days to analyse the data collected. A complete report is expected within 10-15 days," said a senior BBMP official from the Animal Husbandry Department. The report is being prepared by the National Institute of Veterinary Epidemiology and Disease Informatics (ICAR-NIVEDI).

While the survey includes stray dogs and cattle, he added that BBMP is concentrating on the dog population.

As per the last survey conducted by the Palike in 2019, there were 3,10,000 dogs recorded in the city. Every year, nearly 50,000 anti-rabies vaccines are being



administered. In the past four years, 250 ABC surgeries and 6-7 lakh anti-rabies vaccines were administered.

Responding to Palike's expectations of an increase or decrease in dog population with this survey, the official added, "We won't be able to comment on the increase or decrease until the survey report is furnished. We have been conducting animal birth control measures to limit the growth of dog population," he added.

Microchips for strays

The Palike has also been in the process of microchipping stray dogs to leverage technology in its efforts to survey and track stray dogs. "The project is expected to start soon and as a pilot will be tested out in a ward. Later, the microchips will be implanted in dogs across the city," he added.

Officials scanning the microchips with QR codes will be able to get several details on the specific stray. "The microchips will be implanted in the neck of the

dog and by scanning it, you will be able to see the date of neutering, vaccination and other such details. The details will be available till the death of the dog. The microchip technology will be available with a mobile app and all the details will be available on the smart-

phone. They will be enabled with GPS location for easy tracking of the stray animal. Currently, this technology is being used by pet owners," he added.

However, it is learnt that Palike has not procured the microchips yet and will be calling for tenders soon.

BangaloreMirror Canine countdown: 50 teams get cracking

Team to cover 1,300 microchips, surveyors will put on record each dog they see

BM reported on July 11 about the details of the stray animal census

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Network and Database Admin	L1, L2 & L3	10	35-65k
Storage, Backup Admin	L1, L2 & L3	10	35-55k
Service and Asset Management	L1, L2 & L3	5	30-40k
Other Technical Engineers	L1, L2 & L3	10	25-45k
Call Center Executives	L1 & L2	25	20-25k

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Smart move: Deadlines go by, no grievance cell in sight

BSCL yet to launch command and control centre, a year after its first deadline

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Bengaluru Smart City Limited's (BSCL) much-awaited Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC), designed to improve the public grievance redressal system in the city by unifying 14 different departments, is yet to see the light of day. BSCL so far has missed multiple rollout deadlines of the centre; first in August 2022.

According to the officials, the facility is still in the trial stage and can go live only after the due procedure is followed, i.e. after the trial run. Earlier, BM had written that ICCC would be up and functional from August 24 as the trial period had started on July 24.

"The centre is in the pilot test mode, and the trial run concluded on Thursday (August 24). It will soon go live. The public and experts had the opportunity to provide feedback over the past month. The received inputs will be scrutinised, and a report will be submitted to BSCL's technical committee for assessment before the centre can be officially inaugurated. The integration of 14 agencies in the project led to some dependencies on other departments, causing time delays," said a senior BSCL official.

ICCC will bring in 14 line departments, including key agencies like BBMP, BWSSB, BESCOM, KSPCB, BMTC, and BTC. This integration aims to streamline data collection, collaboration, and analysis for improved urban planning and development. Moreover, the centre is expected to serve as an incident and emergency management solution for daily operations, allowing for data integration, correlation, and analysis from various sources to expedite decision-making and enhance



Bengalureans say BBMP is not of much help to resolve issues with roads made under smart city project

“The integration of 14 agencies in the project led to some dependencies on other departments, causing time delays” –Senior BSCL official

response times.

Citizens say the recently done smart city roads are the ones suffering the most due to the delay in the launch. Civic issues on various BSCL roads are piling up due to the lack of immediate resolution to raise complaints. BSCL should have inaugurated ICCC before wrapping up work on many stretches.

"An efficient grievance redressal system should have been in place before BSCL wrapped up its work on many stretches. Two days ago, I had to approach a BSCL official through my contact to repair street lights on Palace Road. Smart city roads across Bengaluru are facing various issues.

So much money has been spent on creating high-class infrastructure but in the absence of a grievance redressal system, it is all going down the drain," said Rajkumar Dugar, a city-based civic activist.

Bangaloreans say they have been waiting for ICCC to roll out service requests regarding smart city roads, which are declined by BBMP. In the absence of immediate resolution, issues keep compounding.

"For instance, the stretch near the stretch near Chandrika Circle, which has deteriorated rapidly due to continuous vehicular movement. By the time we managed to reach the concerned BSCL official, the situation

had worsened significantly. With a helpline in place, citizens could have reported the issue in a timely manner, leading to smaller repair works," said another citizen.

While BSCL officials underline that the One City One App number was launched to specifically address issues cropping up on smart city roads, citizens say no awareness was spread by BSCL regarding this facility.

Earlier, BSCL had called for a public participation meeting last year to improve the ICCC experience once it goes live. The meeting was attended by subject matter experts from the IT sector, NGOs, and research institutes. BSCL officials had then said the idea behind the meeting was to make the Integrated Grievance Management Redressal System (IGMRS) of ICCC robust and efficient.

Bizman falls to death

A 62-year-old city businessman died on Thursday morning after falling from the fourth-floor apartment he shared with his second wife, Geeta. Geeta rushed him to the hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries. Though the fall is said to be accidental, Geeta is being investigated for murder by Umadevi, Maranjeenappa's first wife, who claims she killed him for money. The businessman frequently visited Geeta's home in Annapoorneshwari Nagar, even though he lived in Bagalakunte with his wife Umadevi and children.

According to a report from the hospital he was taken to, he died after slipping and falling from the fourth floor. The Annapoorneshwari Nagar Police have filed a case under Section 302 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) for murder, based on a complaint filed by Umadevi.

Gunman shoots at colleague

A 39-year-old bodyguard was arrested on August 28 after he shot at his coworker in Jayanagar.

The accused, Prashanth, and the victim, Anil, shared a paying guest accommodation (PG) in Jayanagar. They both worked as bodyguards. On August 27, around 10:30 pm, Prashanth received a call from his wife. He began shouting after the call. Anil asked Prashanth to calm down, but he refused.

Prashanth then pulled out his legal pistol and shot two rounds at Anil. Anil was not injured in the shooting. A brawl broke out between Prashanth and Anil, and Prashanth punched Anil, damaging the bathroom mirror and electrical switchboard.

Anil went to file a complaint against Prashanth. Prashanth was arrested and later released on bail.

Subsidy for Shivamogga air tickets

The Karnataka Minister for Infrastructure Development, Large and Medium Industries, M.B. Patil announced a subsidy of Rs 500 for every on-site availed ticket to travel from Shivamogga airport.

Speaking at a function to mark the commencement of flight services from Shivamogga Airport, Minister Patil said, "To facilitate air travel for ordinary citizens, the Shivamogga Airport will provide air ticket facilities on-site and additionally, a subsidy of Rs 500 will be extended on each ticket purchased here for one year." Patil expressed confidence that the flight service to Shivamogga would catalyse industrial, economic, tourism, and educational growth in the region.

BU researchers have fellowship grouse

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Research scholars of Bangalore University in a protest have demanded that the university liberalise their fellowship policy to facilitate research with ease.

Lokesh Ram, President of Bangalore University Post Graduate and Research Scholars Union, noted that there are over 300 research scholars at Bangalore University who receive financial assistance. "In order to receive their fellowship, research scholars must produce attendance on a monthly basis. However, due to varying reasons, many of them have

not been able to produce it on a monthly basis but do so every two or three months. There are many who also want to procure their fellowship of three to four months at once as it would allow them to buy required equipment to continue their research," he explained.

He added that the administration has not paid heed to their request of allowing a liberal timeline to produce attendance and collect the designated fellowship, and has withheld fellowship from over 50 students. Lokesh also said that the university allows students to collect their fellowship every two months and not beyond. "We are asked for a genuine reason otherwise but fieldwork is not considered one. In certain instances,



Fellowship amount is pre-approved in the budget

scholars have guides that are not cooperative and refuse to sign off on required documents. Files just pile up on the desks for months," he alleged.

"We have demanded that the university must put out a circular allow-

Scholars have guides that are not cooperative and refuse to sign off on required papers. Files pile up for months

ing research scholars to draw their fellowship without a time limit. We have also asked for those who harass research scholars – faculty or the non-teaching staff, with regard to providing their fellowship to be slapped with a criminal case," Lokesh said, adding that since the fellowship amount is pre-approved in the budget, the university must not have an issue with funding.



Imagine you, or someone you know, is diagnosed with bipolar disorder. One drug is prescribed, but you have heard another drug is better. What are your next steps? Do you seek evidence? And if so, what type of evidence would you consider?

Around 2 per cent of the adult population have bipolar disorder. It can create high levels of suffering, carry suicide risks, and persist for decades.

Management options vary, and if you search for information online, it's easy to become overwhelmed by the many different views and interpretations of "the evidence" obtained from clinical trials.

Some medications can be extremely helpful for stabilising mood, but they can often have side effects.

Certain medications may be more beneficial for certain types of bipolar disorder, but how do you know which "type" you or a loved one has?

Clinical specialists, including psychiatrists, often rely on guidelines authored by professional organisations to evaluate the evidence for treatments.

However, there is minimal agreement between many of the current guidelines. A new approach is needed that places emphasis on "real-world" effectiveness and respects the observations of people with bipolar disorder.

Two types of bipolar disorder

As far back as Hippocrates, bipolar disorder has been known to the medical community.

Originally called "manic-depressive psychosis", it is now known as bipolar I disorder. In the mid-1990s, bipolar II disorder was defined.

Although this second "sibling" has always existed, it was previously viewed as more of a personality style, and frequently given the label of "cyclothymia".

Both bipolar I and bipolar II are marked by pronounced mood swings. During "highs", individuals feel energised and "wired".

They talk more, spend more, and require less sleep but don't feel tired. They might experience a heightened sex drive, feel more creative, or so "bulletproof" they take more risks. Anxiety seems to melt away.

During "lows", depression rolls in like a fog. Sufferers may lie in bed for days, lacking any energy.

They can't derive any pleasure in life. Cheerless and battling impaired cognitive capacity, they can be at greater risk of suicide.

The key distinguishing feature between the two bipolar conditions is the presence of psychotic features (delusions and/or hallucinations) in those with bipolar I.

Current treatments

Medication is the main way bipolar disorders are managed. Melbourne psychiatrist John Cade discovered the effectiveness of lithium as a treatment for manic depression in 1949. This landmark research ushered in the era of

DIFFERENT STROKES

Bipolar disorder isn't the same for everyone. So people should have more say in how they're treated



condition-specific psychopharmacology.

Psychiatry can proudly claim its status as an evidence-based discipline. Practitioners refer to research-based guidelines to determine the best medications to help stabilise a bipolar disorder.

Options now include lithium, three anti-epileptic drugs, multiple antipsychotic drugs and antidepressants.

While most guidelines rate lithium highly for both bipolar types, we personally favour lithium as the first choice medication only for bipolar I, and the anti-seizure drug lamotrigine for bipolar II.

But evidence isn't everything

In 2017, our research group examined 11 guidelines published by professional organisations. All were "evidence-based", but we found minimal agreement between them, thus raising questions about their validity.

New guidelines have been published since then but the trend for minimal agreement continues.

Assessing a psychiatric evidence base is difficult. For medical trials, the treatment being tested is compared against a treatment in common use, and/or against a placebo. Results from multiple trials are aggregated to compare their

overall impact.

But the way study participants are selected to participate in trials presents a problem.

Recruitment is generally limited to those with milder conditions, those without co-existing disorders, or those taking limited medications.

Participants might also sign up to obtain medication at no cost, which may affect their motivation and reporting.

Finally, the observations made by managing doctors commonly differ from those made by the patients about the benefits and side effects of the drugs given.

So there is a strong argument for the need for "real-world" studies prioritising the views of patients with a bipolar disorder, instead of judging drugs via clinical trials and external raters.

Accounting for side effects

In addition to evaluating the effectiveness of any drug, we need to assess the side-effects.

For instance, lithium can be the right medication for some with a bipolar disorder and, as noted, it is the most frequently recommended medication across clinical guidelines. However, it has multiple side effects.

Our 2021 efficacy study compared lithium and lamotrigine in a small sample of patients with bipolar II.

For the 28 patients who completed the study, the benefits were similar for the two medications.

But 50 per cent of the completers receiving lithium experienced distinctive cognitive impairment – side effects that affected their thinking and reasoning.

This is of particular concern because bipolar disorders are known to be over-represented in creative people and high achievers.

We suspect, from clinical observation, that lithium is not the best option for bipolar II, and the first author has long observed it is more cognitively "toxic" for those individuals with a bipolar II condition.

Many of the antipsychotic drugs nominated in guidelines also have major side effects, including weight gain and diabetes.

People who are stable while taking these medications without major side effects should not be alarmed.

But these risks support a push for more tailored treatments based on real-life costs and benefits, informed by people's experiences.

We want to hear from people with bipolar disorders

All these concerns highlight the need for research focused on "real-world" samples to determine the best treatments that consider each person's responses to any medication.

We are conducting such a study now, in collaboration with the Black Dog Institute. If you are interested, you can access the study here.

(By Gordon Parker and Michael Spoelma, UNSW Sydney, The Conversation)



All you need to know about...

Zinc zing

Can prevent stunting

Adding zinc to farmland soil can help prevent childhood stunting -- a condition due to chronic undernutrition -- in India, according to a study.

What undernutrition does

Chronic undernutrition is associated with poor brain development and long-lasting harmful consequences, such as reduced school performance and increased disease risks, the researchers said.

Study

The study, published recently in the Journal Scientific Reports, is the first large-scale research to examine the association between children's nutritional status or health outcomes and soil mineral availability in India, where more than a third of children under five suffer from stunting.

"Our results add to a growing body of literature suggesting that interventions like micronutrient-enriched fertilisers may have a positive effect on health," said study lead author Claire Morton, an undergraduate student in mathematics and computational science at Stanford University, US. "This doesn't prove that those interventions would be cost-effective for India, but it's an exciting indication that they are worth testing," Morton said.

Mineral magic

They found that that the presence of zinc in soil helps prevent stunted childhood growth, and iron in soil helps keep hemoglobin—a protein in red blood cells that carries oxygen—at healthy levels. The results suggest that fortifying soil with minerals could be a beneficial health intervention, the researchers said.

Link

The link between soil zinc and childhood stunting is particularly robust—a one standard deviation increase in satisfactory soil zinc tests is associated with approximately 11 fewer children stunted per 1,000, according to the study. —PTI

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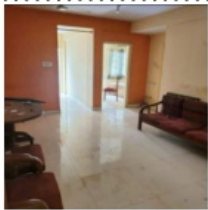
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Cauvery water: Protests erupt

Farmers' bodies stage demonstrations in Mysuru, Mandya and Chamaraajanagar

With Karnataka starting release of Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu in compliance with the directives of the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA), protests have erupted in southern parts of the State. Various farmers' bodies staged demonstrations in Mysuru, Mandya and Chamaraajanagar in Cauvery heartland against the government's move; the BJP accused the Congress government of "doing nothing" to protect the interests of Karnataka.

The opposition party also charged the government with not taking up legal battle properly against the DMK-led Tamil Nadu government as the party there in power is a key ally in the newly formed INDIA bloc, where Congress is a key player. The Karnataka government on Wednesday started releasing 5,000 cusecs (cubic feet per second) of water to TN fol-



Farmers stage a protest in KRS region of Karnataka

lowing the CWMA's August 28 directive to it. Previously, the CWMA had ordered Karnataka to release 10,000 cusecs of water everyday. After releasing it for a few days initially, Karnataka again approached the CWMA, saying there was no adequate rainfall in the Cauvery basin. Taking Karnataka's point of view into consideration, the CWMA directed the government to

ensure that 5,000 cusecs of water reaches Biligundlu just at the border of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu daily.

Karnataka farmers, especially from districts in and around Cauvery and Kabini river and Krishnaraja Sagar dam in Mysuru have been staging protests since Thursday. Farmers in Mandya took out a march raising slogans against the Congress government, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and the Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, who holds the Water Resources portfolio. In Srirangapatna, farmers staged a "shirtless" protest. Standing in the Cauvery river, they held the water in their palm and raised slogans blaming the state government for taking an "anti-farmers stand". Similar protests were staged by farmers in Chamaraajanagar district. Former CM Basavaraj Bommai demanded that the state government immediately stop the release of water to TN — PTI

Relentless march of the axe

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Experts say the low retention rate by BMRL is a cause for concern.

"Low retention rate of trees in case of BMRL projects was pointed out to TEC members by various city-based activists and environmentalists. It appears the committee is unable to exercise its power and save trees in the case of BMRL projects. Probably TEC is under high pressure and is unable to ward it off. Because the retention rate in the case of other agencies such as K-RIDE is higher," said a city-based environmentalist.

According to Dattatreya Devare, trustee of Bangalore Environment Trust, 9,641 trees cut over two years is an alarming number. The environmentalist calls for a better system of planning infrastructure and other development projects; one that prioritises Bengaluru's dwindling green cover. "Loss of green cover at such a high rate appears to be inevitable in the future too if the current system of planning such projects continues. Development and infrastructure projects are being planned without considering the green cover at the early stages of planning and DRP preparation. Although the overall rate of retention

and translocation of trees has slightly improved compared with the rate we calculated in 2018, TEC still needs to walk that extra mile," said Devare.

Lack of scientific approach

Experts say the removal and translocation of so many trees only show a lack of scientific approach in management. Instead of passing orders on translocation, retention, and removal, TEC must also focus on mitigative measures such as compensatory plantation and alternates to the proposal. "TEC, for instance, can analyse the projects and come up with alternate routes of linear infrastructure projects, which will cause lesser destruction to the green cover," said Dr TV Ramachandra, Center for Ecological Sciences, Indian Institute of Science (IISc).

Need for tree census

A study conducted by Dr Ramachandra a few years ago showed that there is not enough green cover left for Bengalureans. While there should be at least eight trees per person for a healthy environment, the city, six years ago, had only one tree available for every seven persons.

Experts say such issues can be addressed

only when there is baseline data on the city's green cover available.

"We are planning and executing infrastructure projects without taking stock of the existing green cover. Unless we know how much we have, we cannot figure out the gap. And unless we know the gap, development activities become meaningless. The tree census, as ordered by Karnataka High Court, will help us understand that gap," added Dr Ramachandra.

Environmentalists say the census will also help in spotting any species imbalance in the city and put a check on illegal tree felling activities. Experts highlight that most of the illegal tree felling activities happen overnight and by the next morning the spots are cleaned in ways that it is difficult to comprehend if trees existed.

"Unless the census is conducted, there is no way of checking illegal tree-felling activities. The tree census will also help us understand species diversity. This will help in the correction of species imbalance, if any. For instance, Nilgiri trees, not a very desirable tree species, were planted rampantly a few years ago, while we require more native species such as neem and banyan. The census data will also help us access the health of the avenue trees," said Devare.

TikTok star murder case

Police have cracked the kidnap and murder case of TikTok star from Bengaluru and detained eight persons in this connection.

The incident took place in the limits of Nanjangud Rural police station in Mysuru district. The preliminary investigations have shown that the kidnap and murder was an act of revenge. The police have taken custody of a relative of a former corporator from Bengaluru and his associates. Naveen, a TikTok star was involved in the murder case of one Vinod in Kaggalipura police station. — IANS

Friendly tip: 'Do not go out in the night'

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driver, who had faced an attack with a machete but successfully fended it off using his lunchbox. "Interestingly, all the victims described the same boys who had targeted me, and all the attacks occurred between 10:40 pm and 11:15 pm in and around Cooke Town, Cox Town and Jeevanahalli. Our locality appears to be grappling with a significant upsurge in cases of muggings and thefts, often involving young boys under the influence of narcotics," he said.

The victim claims that from what he observed in the police station, six mugging incidents happened in a 1.5-km radius in 35 minutes on that day. He added that when he was trying to contact the police through his phone, for them to come to the location of the incident, he could hear another policeman saying on the call, "Oh, the same thing happened just now in the area."

Later when the victim's phone ran out of charge, he took his friend's phone and contacted the police. "Some other personnel picked up,

but even this policeman told me the same thing, that one mugging incident was reported from a nearby area just now," the victim claimed.

The victim told BM the feeling he got was that the policemen didn't seem to be serious about the issue and were not even willing to check the nearby CCTV cameras. He also said that one of the policemen advised him to not travel out at night as several mugging and assault cases are being reported in the jurisdiction.

When BM spoke to the policemen in the area, they revealed that there was a manpower shortage. The policeman said that there are only 18 people in the jurisdiction to patrol the area filled with lakhs of people.

"In my situation, luck was on my side, and I emerged unharmed. The outcome could have been far worse considering that these individuals were armed.

Therefore, I urge you to exercise caution when venturing out during the nighttime. The police seem to be somewhat clueless, underscoring the need for us to remain exceptionally vigilant," he added.

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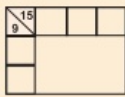
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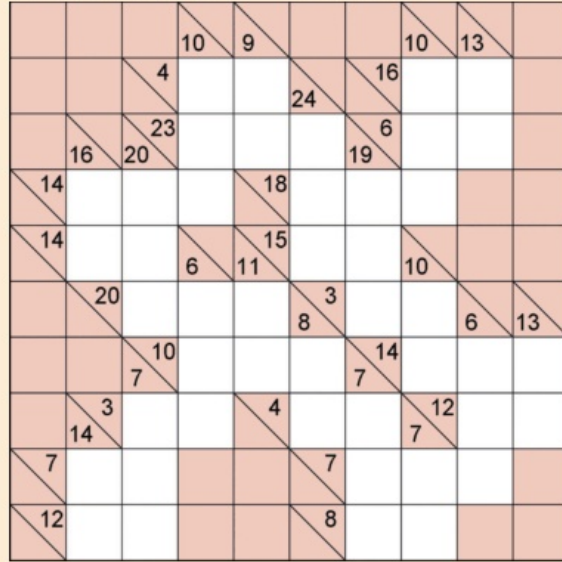
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas

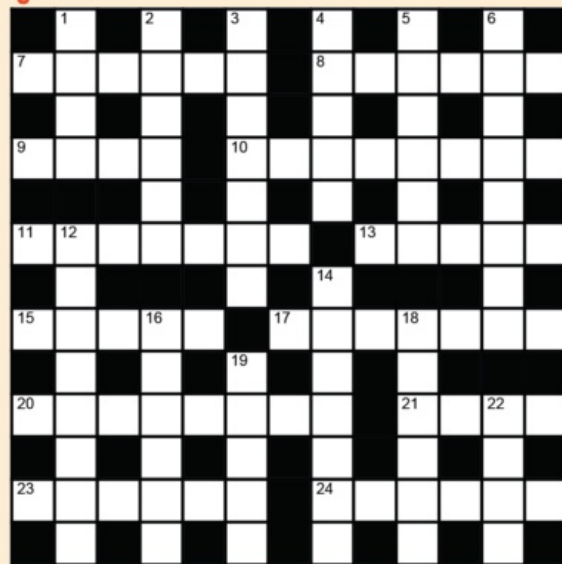


for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



Quick



ACROSS

- 7 European prawns (6)
- 8 Fluctuate (6)
- 9 European river (4)
- 10 Extra hours worked (8)
- 11 Become dislodged? (4,3)
- 13 Recumbent (5)
- 15 Office worker (5)
- 17 Wrong but prevalent notion (7)
- 20 With each note detached, musically (8)
- 21 Location, setting (4)
- 23 Soften or yield (6)
- 24 Disposes of (6)

DOWN

- 1 Got a hole in one (4)
- 2 Unethical (6)
- 3 Swindles; excessive charges (3-4)
- 4 Donkeys (5)
- 5 Guard (6)
- 6 Musical (8)
- 12 Given as a task (8)
- 14 Revel (7)
- 16 _____ the boat : disturbed a finely balanced position, in a way? (6)
- 18 Also-rans (6)
- 19 Takes no food (5)
- 22 You will find the remnants of his fort in the City Market area (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: X EQUALS G
VGK JTHPKWV QPKSWNEK MW
VGK ITZ TC NJBKEWVSJBMJX.



Linemaro

I like your facebook status



Mindchow

Happiness never decreases by being shared



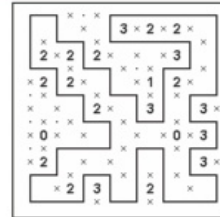
Joke of the day

You're riding a horse full speed, there's a giraffe beside you, and you're being chased by a lion. What do you do? Get your drunk ass off the carousel!

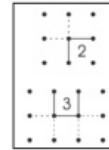
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

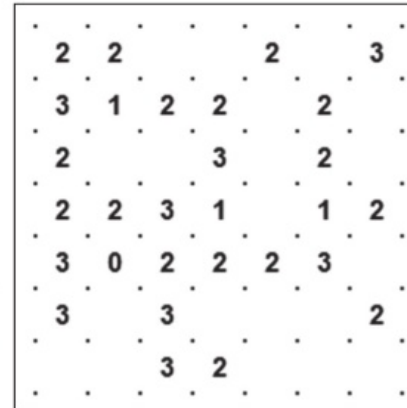


(Fig B) Not Allowed

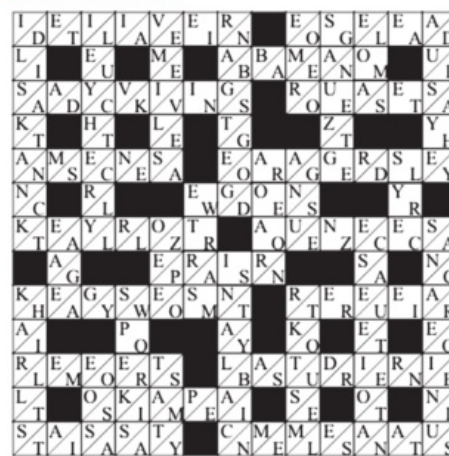
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) - Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



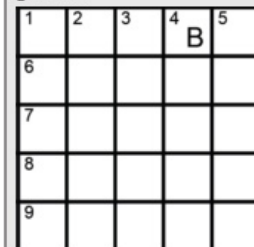
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

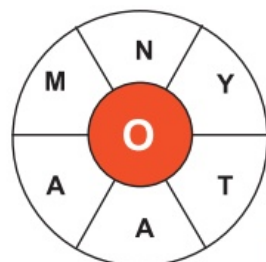
- 1 As cub; 6 Lunar;
- 7 Say Ms; 8 A rale;
- 9 Scowl

DOWN

- 1 Camus; 2 Coral;
- 3 Us wen; 4 Baals;
- 5 Lyra's

Mensapuzzle

What number should replace the question mark?

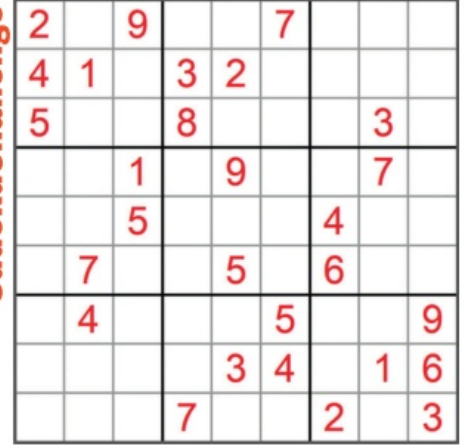


Bull's eye

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

02 Average; 03 Good; 04 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge



To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy

2 6 8 8 = 8

Medium

2 4 7 7 = 3

Hard

2 7 8 4 = 9

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Thumb is moved. 2. Tie is missing. 3. Collar is different. 4. Stool is missing. 5. Sign in window is lower. 6. Table is wider.

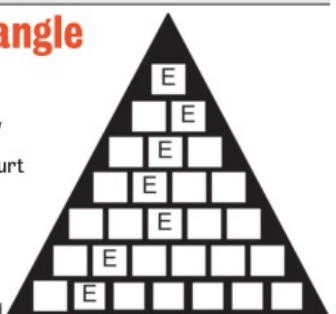
Riddler

Which is the only word in the English language to be comprised of two letters, each used three times?

Alpha triangle

- 1 Second vowel
- 2 Neon symbol
- 3 Lair of a lion
- 4 Campus authority
- 5 Correct
- 6 Put back, as in court
- 7 wander about

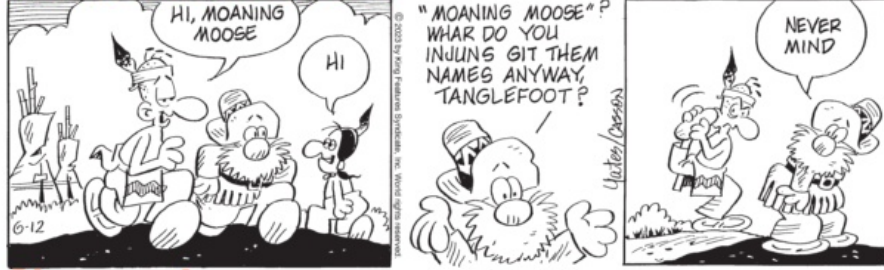
Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be



made at each step answering to the clue given.

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson



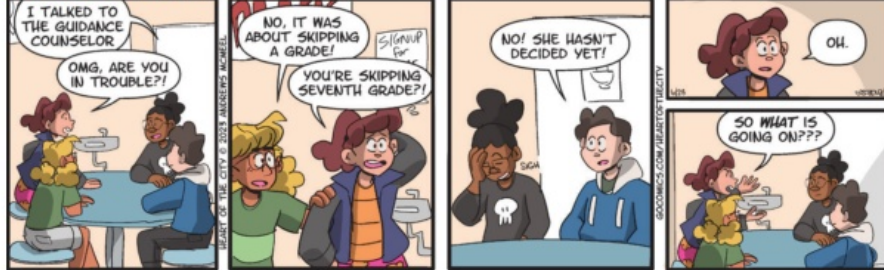
Bizarrotrip



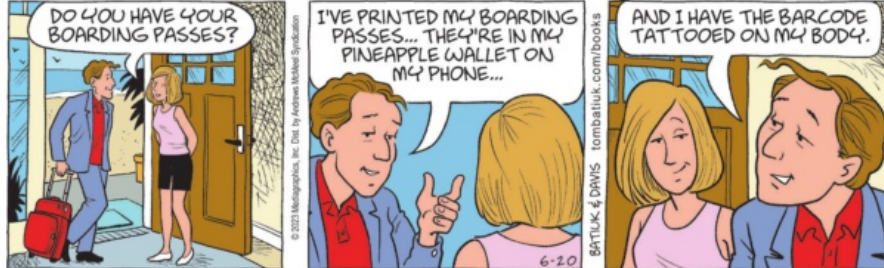
Diamond Lil



Hart of the city



Crankshaft



Mutts



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 - Apr 20

You may be happy. You may have some sort of energy, which may create your prestige among people around you. You may spend your time studying intellectual stuff. You may also plan for some higher studies to groom your career. Students may hear good news in competitive examinations.



Leo Jul 24 - Aug 23

Today you may be happy and blessed by the moon; you may feel healthy, which may reflect in your way of working. You may perform well in all areas of your life, which may improve your prestige. Your concentration may be very good today; you may make some difficult decisions in your business in terms of growth.



Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 22

Today's situation is under control now. Your destiny is likely to be with you in terms of business gains. You may get some rewards for your hard work. It may be a good time to reinstate your postponed projects. You may expect peaceful religious travel. You may also plan to donate some amount to any religious place or to some charity.



Taurus Apr 21 - May 20

Today at the start of the day, may be a dull day. After late evening, you may control negativity. New people may connect with you on the work front. With the help of new people, you may try to revamp your business plans. It is advised to read documents before submitting your signature.



Virgo Aug 24 - Sep 23

Today your vital power may slow down, and your old disease may reappear, which may make you upset. You are advised to avoid adventure tours or rash driving. You are advised to avoid any type of litigation; you may settle it out of the jury. Try to avoid making arguments about worthless topics. You may also plan an overseas tour.



Capricorn Dec 23 - Jan 20

Today your moon is not in a good position; you may have health issues. You may face losses in the business or in investments. It is advised not to invest in business. Your gains will be converted into losses. So you are advised to stop making investments in worthless objects. You should avoid being involved in controversies; otherwise, it will pull you down negatively.



Gemini May 21 - Jun 21

Today with the help of blessings, you may control your indecisiveness. The kid's health is better now. Your colleagues may be supportive of your work, which will convert into success in terms of the project. You may expect to get some incentives with the salary. Natives related to dairy, water projects, grains, homemaking, art, and culture may do well.



Libra Sep 24 - Oct 22

Today you may start your day with happiness. At work, you may make quick decisions, which may increase your management skills and have benefits in the near future. You may expect some new source of income, which may boost your savings. With the help of your business partner, you may invest some capital in the business. Your bonding with the spouse may increase, which may result in harmony in domestic life.



Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19

You are blessed by the moon today; you may expect to hear some good news in terms of profession. Domestic life is likely to be in full swings of joy. You are advised to avoid making arguments on worthless topics. Over excitement may test your patience. You can make important decisions in making investments in real estate. Students will be focused on their studies.



Cancer Jun 22 - July 23

Today you may be busy with family get-togethers and social events. You may become polite with the people around you, which may increase your prestige among them. You may spend money on buying some artefacts or household stuff, which may improve your social status. You are likely to hear some good news from one of your relatives.



Scorpio Oct 23 - Nov 22

Today you may be busy on the work front, which may make you tired; you may not be able to properly spend time with your family. You may be able to create some overseas networks as well. You should be careful in terms of investments. Natives in the job may get promoted.

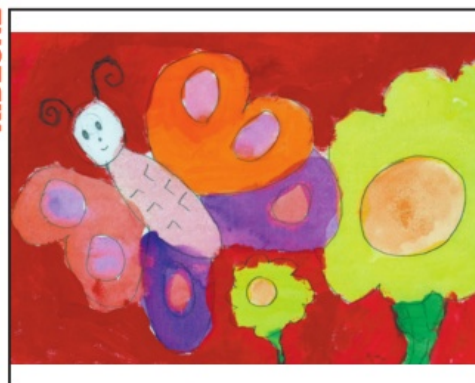


Pisces Feb 20 - Mar 20

Today you may be blessed by the moon. Love would be in the air in terms of personal life. Singles may find suitable matches. You may do better in terms of professional life. Your friends and subordinate staff may support you. Investments in gems and jewellery are likely to give positive gains in the near future. You should be careful of the elders' health.



KIDZONE



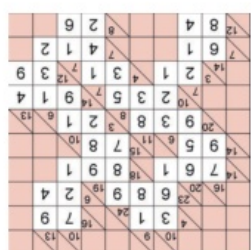
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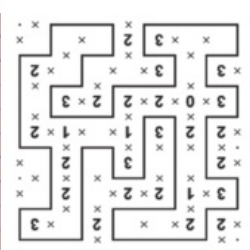
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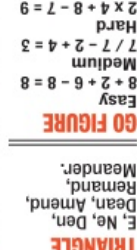
SOLUTIONS



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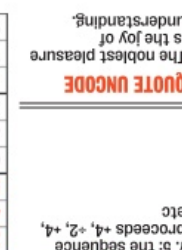
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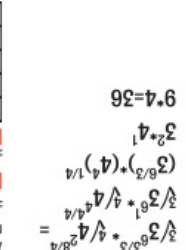
QUICK



STRIKE OUT



BULLS' EYE



SOLVE IN 1M



On human sacrifice

Sandalwood actor Bhuvan Chandra is making a comeback after six years with the movie Akshara. He made his debut with the film Kidi that was released in October 2017.

"My maiden Kannada movie as a hero was Kidi. It was before Covid pandemic. Now I am acting in this movie Akshara that is about human sacrifice. It is based on a real incident. It is nauseating to know that incidents of human sac-

rifice are still taking place in the country. The audiences will know about these inhuman incidents when they watch this movie at theaters," said Bhuvan.

The team of Akshara organised an event to launch the movie's teaser that was launched by Pratap



Narayanan of Benkipatna (matchbox) fame. "Bhuvan Chandra looks smart and innocent in the song. He looks innocent in real life too."

On the occasion, Kishore Kumar G, said he is debuting as a producer with this film.

He said he always wanted to bankroll a Kannada movie. "Now, I am happy to realise my dream," said Kishore Kumar.

Almas Motiwala is paired opposite Bhuvana. Ramesh Pandit, Bharanji Prasanna Raj Uday, and Kishore Kumar G are the cast in this movie.

Birthday gift

Pramod Shetty, who has landed a lead role, celebrated his birthday on Thursday with the team of his latest movie Shabaash Baddi Magane. The team of the movie arranged the release of the film's poster and first look as a gift to Pramod Shetty. Rakshit Shetty launched the poster and first look and wished the cast and crew good luck.

"We have completed the talkie part of the shoot for this movie. Post production work is also



completed. We are yet to shoot three songs for this movie. We are planning to shoot two songs in Bangkok. Pramod Shetty and heroine Adya Priya and a few important crew of the movie will leave for Bangkok next month. Arrangements are being made to shoot a song at Kanteerava Studios in Bengaluru," said

director BS Rajasekhara.

The director said a screening of the movie was organised for Pramod Shetty recently. "Pramod Shetty was very happy after watching the movie. He plays a police inspector in the movie which is based on a real incident that took place in Chikkamagaluru during the 1970s," the director said.

The shoot for the talkie part of the movie was held at beautiful locations in and around Chikkamagaluru. Samrat Shetty and Kavya Ramesh are the other pair in the movie.

THE marriage question

Tamannaah reveals she believes in marriage but would like to focus on her career right now

Tamannaah Bhatia might be enjoying a blissful phase of her life personally with partner Vijay Varma, but the actor is in no hurry to tie the knot. In an interview to News18, Tamannaah opened up about her marriage plans and said that her career is going great right now, and she wants to focus on that. She clarified that she does believe in marriage and eventually, it will happen, but right now, her happy place is on the sets.

She added that she is enjoying the variety of work that has been coming in and hopes it continues to stay like that. Tamannaah and Vijay's relationship has been the talk of town, and though the duo have made it official, they want to still guard their privacy. To this, Tamannaah said people say things and sometimes it hurts, as it comes from some people who know you, but in the end what matters is what you say to yourself. She added that from the beginning, she has had a very strong demarcation in her career when it comes to her work and personal life. She added she has been a straightforward person who has always spoken her mind and told the truth. She carried on saying that earlier, she would be worried about what her parents would think. However, the beauty is that as she has evolved, they have evolved as well. She added that, apart from the ill-health of her close ones, nothing else robs her of her happiness.

While in real-life, Tamannaah's relationship is going great guns, on-screen it is a different story in her latest web series, Aakhri Sach. Talking about her part in the series, she told a news portal: "My character of Anya has accepted that she has a very messed up personal life. She is a modern young girl, and happens to be the investigating officer on the case."

— ETimes



Strike: Zendaya skips Venice Film Fest

Actress Zendaya has decided to skip the Venice Film Festival due to the Hollywood strikes.

The actress was initially slated to go to the film festival to promote Luca Guadagnino's film 'Challengers', which was also the movie that was supposed to open the 80th annual Venice Film Festival.

Zendaya has been a supporter of the ongoing Hollywood strikes, and given her standing in Hollywood, it would have been nearly impossible for the 'Spider-Man: No Way Home' actress to make it.

So instead, Venice kicked off the festival with the Italian World War II drama film 'Comandante', directed by Italian director Edoardo De Angelis, reports Variety.

The movie is mostly set on a submarine, and ended up landing a brief 90-second standing ovation as actor Pierfrancesco Favino — who plays naval officer Salvatore Todaro — took a bow.

Indeed, due to the Hollywood



strikes there was a severe lack of star power which was strongly felt at the Venice opening night. The size of the crowds that lined up outside the Sala Grande Theatre was also very modest.

The biggest cheers went to Damien Chazelle, who is presiding over the Venice jury, with director Jane Campion who won Oscar in 2021 for her film 'Power of the Dog' is another jury member. She was spotted wading into the crowds to sign autographs. — IANS

A movie that is all about love & emotions

Rakshit Shetty is super excited about the release of his latest Kannada movie Sapta Sagaradaache Ello - Side A. The movie directed by Hemanth M Rao is scheduled for release on September 1.

The movie is produced by the film's lead actor Rakshit Shetty's Paramvah Studios.

The specialty of Sapta Sagaradaache Ello is that it is being released in its original version (Kannada) not only in Karnataka but also in Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Kerala and other states.

"My movies Kirik Party and Avane Srimannarayana were released in neighbouring states in Kannada. My latest movie Sapta Sagaradaache Ello - Side A is scheduled to be released in Kannada language in 10 major cities across the country. We kept the dubbed version ready for release. We will release the dubbed version in Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam, and Hindi based on the response to the original version. If the response is good, we may release dubbed versions at



more theaters," said Rakshit Shetty. Rakshit Shetty said the movie is full of love and emotion.

"The audiences will become emotional while watching this movie at theaters. My movie Godhi Banna Sadharana Mykattu was filled with emotion and it is about a father and son. The movie Sapta Sagaradaache Ello - Side A is filled with love and emotion," Rakshit Shetty said. He said that working with director Hemanth M Rao was a wonderful experience. "I am very happy to have opportunities to work with Hemanth M Rao," he said.

The cast includes Rakshit Shetty, Rukmini Vasanth, Chaitra Achar, Pavitra Lokesh, Ramesh Indira, Achyuth Kumar, Avinash. Charan Raj scored music. — BMB

Threats to Nushrratt

The team of Nushrratt Bharuccha-starrer 'Akelli' had to change their shoot location from Turkey to Uzbekistan, after getting dangerous threats directed towards the lead actress.

The sources claimed: "The production of the movie 'Akelli' experienced one tough curveball forcing the team to relocate their shoot from Turkey to Uzbekistan. The trouble began when the production team received a dangerous threat directed towards lead actress Nushrratt Bharuccha, while they were in Turkey preparing for the shoot."

"After completing the recce and

survey of the location, the team was all ready to start preparation and shoot. However, the threat made the team choose a new location in Uzbekistan just 14 days before their shoot was supposed to start in Turkey. This decision was driven not only by safety concerns but also by the sensitive topic the film touched upon - through a terrorist organisation," added the source.

Directed by Pranay Meshram, the film delves deep into themes of bravery, resilience, liberation. Alongside Nushrratt, the film boasts a stellar cast, including international talents. — IANS

